GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR & RD Dept – Allegations of irregularities in execution of CC roads and drains taken up under MGNREGS programme for the Financial Year 2012-13 in PRI Division, Palakonda, Srikakulam District – Charges against Smt. S. Radha Rani, Deputy Executive Engineer, PR Sub-Division, Palakonda, Srikakulam District – Not proved in the regular inquiry – Representation received - Awarded with a warning to be more careful in future – Orders – Issued.

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PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 316 **Dated: 11-06-2021.**

Read the following:

1. From the DG, GA (V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No. 10 (C.NO. 481-2/V&E/E2/2013), dt: 13.01.2015.
2. G.O.Rt.No.1162, PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dt:22.12.2015.
3. From ENC, PR, AP, Vijayawada, Lr.No.Vig. I (1)/1430/2015, Dated: 10.06.2016.
4. G.O.Rt.No.754, PR&RD (Vig. I) Department, Dt: 15.06.2018.
5. From the Superintending Engineer, PR, Srikakulam and Inquiry Officer, Letter Rc. NO.. 152/2016/A1, dt: 17.08.2019.
6. Govt. Memo No. 2135/Vig. I/2015, PR&RD (Vigt. I) Dept., Dt: 02.08.2020.
7. From the ENC,PR, Letter No. Vig. I(1)/30395/2008, dated: 26.11.2020.

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ORDER:-

Based on the recommendations of the Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement Department made in the reference 1st read above, on the allegations of irregularities in execution of CC roads and drains taken in PRI Division, Palakonda, Srikakulam District under MGNREGS programme for the Financial Year 2012-13, in the reference 2nd read above, Government, have initiated disciplinary proceedings duly framing following articles of charges under Rule 20 of the A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against Smt. S. Radha Rani, Deputy Executive Engineer, PR Sub-Division, Palakonda, Srikakulam District, with a direction to submit her written statement of defence :

Charge-I: That Smt. S. Radha Rani, Deputy Executive Engineer, PR Sub-Division, Palakonda, Srikakulam District, during her tenure as Dy.EE, PR Sub-Division, Palakonda, executed internal roads with CC drains in SC, ST colonies in Kattulakaviti (H & GP) in Veeraghattam (M) under MGNREGS programme for the FY 2012-13 and committed certain irregularities like sub-standard execution of CC M30 grade pavement causing loss to Government exchequer.

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Charge 2: That Smt. S. Radha Rani, Deputy Executive Engineer, PR Sub-Division, Palakonda, Srikakulam District, during her tenure as Dy.EE, PR Sub-Division, Palakonda, executed internal roads with CC drains in SC, ST colonies in Akkanaguda (H) of Somagandi GP in Seethampet (M) under MGNREGS programme for the FY 2012-13 and committed certain irregularities like substandard execution of CC M30 grade pavement causing loss to Government exchequer.

2. In the reference 3rd cited, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj has forwarded the written statement of defence dated 09.02.2016 of the charged officer Smt. S. Radha Rani, Deputy Executive Engineer (PR).

3. Government, having not satisfied with the written statement of defence submitted by the above Charged Officer, have decided to conduct regular inquiry into the matter. Accordingly, in the reference 4th read above, Government have appointed the Superintending Engineer, PR, Srikakulam District as the Inquiry Authority to conduct inquiry into the charges framed against the charged officer Smt. S. Radha Rani, Deputy Executive Engineer (PR) and also against the other eight (8) co-charged officers involved in the case.

4. In the reference 5th read above, the Superintending Engineer, PR, Srikakulam District and Inquiry Officer has furnished inquiry report dt: 17.08.2019 along with his findings on each charged officer. In the findings, the Inquiring Authority, among others, has held that charges are not held proved against the charged officer Smt. S. Radha Rani, former Deputy Executive Engineer (PR), Palakonda and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Kotturu of Srikakulam District.

5. In the reference 6th read above, Government, among others, have communicated the copy of the Inquiry report to the charged officer Smt. S. Radha Rani, Deputy Executive Engineer (PR) for submitting her representation, if any on the findings of the Inquiry Authority.

6. In the reference 7th read above, the Engineer-in—Chief, PR, A.P, Vijayawada has furnished the representation dt:08.10.2020 of the charged officer Smt. S. Radha Rani, Deputy Executive Engineer (PR), wherein, and she has stated that the inquiry officer given findings holding that charges are not held proved against her. She has requested to consider the same and to drop further action against her.

7. Government have examined the matter and observe that in the work i.e., "providing internal roads with CC drains in SC, ST colonies in Kattulakaviti (H & GP) in Veeraghattam (M), it has been observed that the concrete strength is low. The amount is however recovered and there is no financial loss. The Charged Officer Smt. S. Radha Rani,

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Deputy Executive Engineer failed to watch the cube test results at the time of check measurement. Keeping in view the above and after considering the findings of the Inquiry Authority, it has been decided to warn Smt. S. Radha Rani, Deputy Executive Engineer (PR) to be careful in future, towards the lapse noticed on her part.

8. Accordingly, Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby conclude the disciplinary proceedings against Smt. S. Radha Rani, former Deputy Executive Engineer (PR), Palakonda and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Kotturu of Srikakulam District, with a warning to be more careful in future.

9. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Smt. S. Radha Rani, former Deputy Executive Engineer (PR), Palakonda and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Kotturu of Srikakulam District
through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada.
The Engineer in Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
Copy to:-
The Secretary to VC, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
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SECTION OFFICER